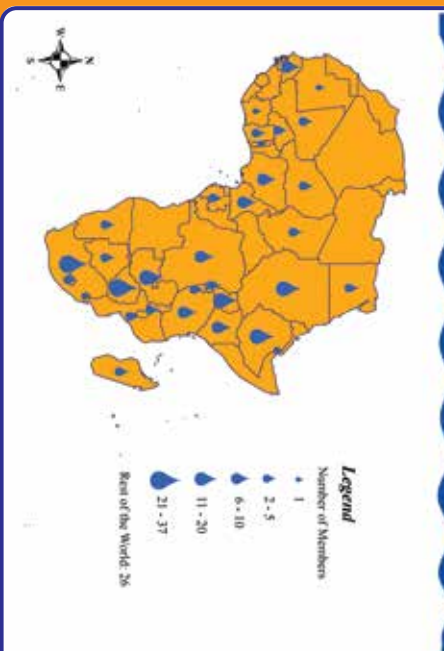


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Membership

Membership of AGW-Net is free and open to individuals in all African countries, and to those external partners/individuals that wish to support the network's goals.

You can join online at www.agw-net.org

A searchable membership database as well as downloadable training materials are also available on the website.



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What is AGW-Net?

The Africa Groundwater Network (AGW-Net) is a network of groundwater professionals based throughout Africa. It is a voluntary, non-profit organization inaugurated in 2008 in Pretoria, South Africa. It resulted from an Africa-wide assessment of groundwater capacity building needs carried out by three African networks: WA-Net, Nile IWRM-Net and Water-Net. AGW-Net is a member of Cap-Net under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Mission

It is AGW-Net's mission to enhance and build professional and technical capacity in the groundwater sector throughout Africa, principally through tailored, innovative and up-to-date training programs and short courses; practical groundwater management projects; case studies on successful groundwater use; and demand-based groundwater management capacity needs assessments that are focused on building an understanding of the integrated role and strategic importance of groundwater for basic water supplies, food production and climate change adaptation, and the conceptual functioning of groundwater in the river and aquifer basins.

Objectives

The main objectives of AGW-Net are as follows:

- Develop capacity for improved groundwater management in Africa at all levels
- Mobilize and foster networking among groundwater professionals across Africa
- Promote Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), which explicitly accounts for groundwater resources and the interaction between surface water and groundwater
- Improve general awareness of groundwater resources
- Foster research and academic cooperation on groundwater
- Enhance the sharing of data and information related to groundwater in Africa



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- Facilitate the integration of groundwater at river, lake and aquifer basin management level
- Work with local, national, regional, continental and international partners to advocate for, and provide, a positive contribution to the realization of the sustainable and equitable development goals in relation to groundwater
- Improve the participation of women at all levels within the groundwater sector
- Support groundwater policy development and implementation at national level, and encourage an integration of groundwater in the activities of river, lake and aquifer basin organizations